



**WR&RA Annual General Meeting
MONDAY 5th May 2004
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Maria Valli (President) commenced the meeting at 7:38pm and welcomed all present to the meeting. The President thanked all WRRRA members for their support throughout the year and thanked all visitors to the AGM. The President thanked the invited guests for their attendance. The President also introduced the current WRRRA committee to all attendees.

Present:

Maria Valli (President)
Maurice Winter (Vice President)
Max Zeller (Hon. Secretary)
Julie Parish (Treasurer)
Dee Schwass (Committee Member)
Jason Durbin (Committee Member)
Mr Dominic Carbone (Chief Executive Officer, City of Canning)
Mr Stuart Devenish (Executive Strategic and Regulatory Services, City of Canning)
Snr Const. Peter Roelofs (Police Crime Prevention Officer)
Mrs Lynne McHale (District NHW Coordinator)
Mr Joe Del Donne (Mason Ward Councillor)
Mr Lindsay Elliott (Mason Ward Councillor)
Mr Graham Barry (Mason Ward Councillor)

Visitors:

23 attendees were recorded on the attendance sheets provided

Apologies:

Mr Paul Duncan (Committee Member)
Mayor Lekias (City of Canning on behalf of Executive Officers)

Total Attendance was recorded at 36

2. Notice

As per the Constitution a notice of the AGM was advertised in The Canning Community Times on 27th April, 2004

3. Minutes from Previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday April 30th, 2003 were received as a true record on the motion of Max Zeller and seconded by Jason Durbin.

4. Actions arising from Previous AGM

Reference previous minutes (Pg. 5). High Density Zoning – Due to other commitments Mr Stuart Devenish was invited to address the floor by the President to provide an update on the zoning issue. Mr Devenish's comments are noted:

- A great deal of activity has taken place on this issue in the past year,
- This included an analysis and report of the proposed development potential and impacts on the downcoding proposal,
- A survey was conducted involving 1100 land owners which generated an approximate 30% response rate,
- The results indicated that the majority supported downcoding from the current R17.5 / R25 to R20 / R25,
- Eight precincts in South Wilson were identified, six of which supported downcoding in a majority fashion,
- Council now needs to consider the next phase in the legal process to progress the downcoding proposal which may result in a proposal for scheme amendment for higher authorities to consider,
- Ultimately the WA Planning Commission needs to ratify the proposal to make it law, a process which will not happen overnight.

Questions from the floor:

Geoff Rees – Queried where the two precincts that opposed downcoding were located. Stuart Devenish indicated they were located together in one pocket of South Wilson.

Max Zeller – Asked whether previous reports and surveys will feature in the next phase of the process. Stuart Devenish indicated that all relevant information is considered including historical data and opinions.

Les Durbin – Asked whether current development applications are subject to current zoning. Stuart Devenish confirmed this was the case.

Blair Campbell – Asked for clarification on the scope of the survey with regard to North Wilson. Stuart Devenish indicated that no surveys were being considered for North Wilson due to past coverage on this issue in that area.

Reference previous minutes (Pg. 4c) – Status of Council Depot – New committee to follow up on this issue. Joe Del Donne indicated that a budget had been set aside for a study of the depot site.

Reference previous minutes (Pg. 4g,k) – Fern Road Plans – Council has allocated budget, plans have been drawn up and work to commence early in the new financial year.

Reference previous minutes (Pg. 4j) – Speed Monitoring Devices – A device purchased by Council was set up on Fern Road for a brief period. Data collected by the device can be accessed by the new committee.

Reference previous minutes (Pg. 6) – NHW has started well within Wilson with Maria Valli taking on the role of Suburb Manager, the registration of 90 participants and 5 street representatives.

Comments from the floor:

Max Zeller raised the issue of street scaping on Fern Road to remind Council representatives that this was still an outstanding issue.

Jason Durbin reiterated concerns with regard to overtaking and that more was needed to be done to provide physical obstacles to prevent overtaking in obviously dangerous sections of Fern Road. Street scaping was seen as a reasonable option by the committee overall.

In general discussion Stuart Devenish indicated that work on Riverton Bridge was to commence in August / September 2004 which will result in a complete closure of the bridge for 4-5 weeks. Pedestrian access will be maintained however.

5. Communications

- Canning Times Community Newspaper article and notice of AGM published on 27th April, 2004
- AGM notice as featured in the WRRRA Autumn newsletter and on the WRRRA website
- AGM invitation to Mayor Lekias and City of Canning Executive staff
- AGM invitation to Sgt. Pope Cannington Police Station
- Email AGM invitation to Lynne McHale (NHW) and Mason Ward Councillors
- Subscription Renewal letters to all WRRRA members

6. Reports

a. Annual Report of the President

Annual Report delivered by Maria Valli (President) – see attached. Report received by Jason Durbin and seconded by Max Zeller.

b. Annual Report of the Treasurer

Financial Report delivered by Julie Parish (Treasurer) – see attached. Report received by Dee Schwass and seconded by Maurice Winter

c. Annual Report of the Auditor

The Auditors report was delivered by Julie Parish on behalf of Norman Cotterell (CPA, ATO Ret.) – see attached. Report received by Jason Durbin and seconded by Dee Schwass.

7. Elections of Committee Members

Prior to the formal election of committee members Mason Ward Councillor Joe Del Donne addressed the floor. His comments are noted:

- Councillor Del Donne delivered apologies on behalf of Mayor Lekias
- Thanks were expressed to the current WRRRA committee in recognition of the committees work throughout the year
- Councillor Del Donne provided some background on the inception and the history of the WRRRA and how it came into being as a result of traffic issues
- He noted that the achievement of community goals was a shared responsibility
- Councillor Del Donne provided a background on the Council's perspective on various issues.
- He concluded by encouraging Wilson residents to recognise the WRRRA committee and support its activities

Councillor Lindsay Elliott was invited by the President to take the floor and chair the elections. Councillor Elliott thanked the current committee for its efforts, highlighted how important and active the committee is in its role as a conduit for the community.

a. Councillor Elliott declared all positions vacant.

b. Nominations were called for the President. No nominations were received and as such the position of President would be discussed by the new committee

c. Nominations were called for Secretary. Max Zeller was nominated. Nomination received by Maria Valli and seconded by Jason Durbin

d. Nominations were called for Treasurer. Maurice Winter was nominated. Nomination received by Maria Valli and seconded by Max Zeller

e. Nominations for Committee members were called. Maria Valli, Les Durbin and Paul Duncan were nominated. The nominations were received by Councillor Lindsay Elliott and seconded by Max Zeller, Maurice Winter, Julie Parish and Dee Schwass

f. Max Zeller indicated to the floor that interested parties could nominate and join the committee at any time.

g. Invitations were called for Co-Opted members of the new committee. Nominations were received and ratified for:

Jason Durbin
Julie Parish
Dee Schwass
Geoff Rees
Russell Gorton

h. The role of Auditor for the forthcoming year was nominated by Julie Parish on behalf of Norman Cotterell (CPA, ATO Ret.). The nomination was seconded by Maria Valli.

8. General Business

a. Membership Fee – Maria Valli put forward a motion to retain the current membership fee at \$5. The motion was carried by the floor in the form of majority support.

b. Neville Lowden (Fern Road) – Highlighted the narrowness of Shelley Bridge and asked whether anyone was aware of any plans to widen Shelley Bridge and add more lanes. Lindsay Elliott indicated that Shelley Bridge was part of the MRD (Main Roads Department) overall strategic plan which gave no guarantee that this issue would ever be addressed. He went on to suggest that the MRD had discouraged any potential downgrading of Riverton Bridge as a thoroughfare.

c. Gwen Horton (Bus Routes) – Asked if the bus exchange in North Wilson could be moved from its current location in Eureka Road to either Bungaree Road or at least the other side of Eureka Road to collect both city bound and Cannington passengers. Max Zeller indicated that Paul Duncan was the most appropriate committee member to progress this issue.

d. Jason Durbin (Fern Road Buses) – Asked about impacts on bus routes and timetables during the Riverton Bridge works construction phase. Joe Del Donne indicated that Council engineers were currently assessing the construction logistics with a view to liaising with all relevant authorities. This process is ongoing.

e. Terry Gorton (Fern Road) – Asked if during the Fern Road construction work that Council consider installing rubbish bins between Braibrise Street and Riverton Bridge. The new committee will follow up on this issue.

f. Les Durbin (Watts Road) – Indicated that Watts Road exhibits some of the traffic issues currently associated with Fern Road specifically with regard to excessive speed. Max Zeller responded sympathetically and described the WRRRA's strategy with regard to pedestrian facilities on Watts Road. Joe Del Donne indicated that speed signage in many areas was not present due to cost in assumed 50km/h zones and that these were the responsibility of the MRD. A comment was made that some further education on 50km/h zones may be required. Max Zeller suggested that the speed alert device that Council has purchased could be used on Watts Road. Lindsay Elliott provided a reassurance by indicating that Council are well aware of the speed issues as they receive constant feedback from the community on these issues.

g. Russell Gorton (Dog Bins, Fern Road) – Suggested that dog faeces bins should be provided at the eastern end of Fern Road. He suggested that there was a reluctance by Council to do this because of perceived cost however commented that the installation of dual use paths in the area strengthened the argument that such bins should be provided. He indicated that a Security representative from Council had verbally indicated that a submission would be made but Russell was concerned that Council would not take the proposal seriously. Lindsay Elliot and Joe Del Donne indicated that they would monitor the issue from Council's perspective.

h. Russell Gorton (WRRRA Constitution Amendments) – Put forward a motion that the current WRRRA Constitution be amended to bring it into line with current committee activities and therefore enhance its overall relevance. Motion was carried and seconded by various committee members. The new constitution will be progressed by the new committee.

i. Terry Gorton (Sewerage) – Asked about the current status of infill sewerage infrastructure in pockets of North Wilson. Joe Del Donne indicated that submissions have been put to the Water Authority but there is a backlog on the installation of infill sewerage across the metropolitan area. It was suggested from the floor that the installation of sewerage was in some way related to the proposed Clontarf development. Mason Ward Councillors said that Council will continue to lobby government on the issue. Russell Gorton asked what the status of the Clontarf site was. Maurice Winter said that he had been in touch with the developers last year and they had indicated to him that a sewerage pumping station was to be installed on the Clontarf site but only to service the new lots there.

j. Max Zeller (Underground Power) – Asked Council representatives if Underground Power could be installed in Wilson as an extension of the current installations in Canning River Gardens and could this be considered. Council representatives indicated they would gather more information on this aspect of the issue.

k. Geoff Beese (Aircraft Noise) – Asked Joe Del Donne whether there had been any reduction in aircraft noise levels in the last 12 months. Joe Del Donne responded by saying it was hard to determine. He went on to say that Air Services Australia has direct responsibility in monitoring noise levels however Council was not satisfied with the supplied data. In response Council purchased their own monitoring equipment which has yielded different results. Council is currently awaiting a reply from Air Services Australia by way of them providing an explanation for the differences between the two sets of data.

l. Blair Campbell (Centenary Avenue landscaping) – Asked Joe Del Donne what the current status of landscaping was at in Centenary Avenue. Joe responded by indicating that Council had allocated a budget and planning was now in progress.

m. Max Zeller (Riverton Bridge Kiosk) - Asked about the status of the current Riverton Bridge Kiosk lease. Lindsay Elliott indicated that the lease had been extended for 12 months but was not advertised.

9. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday May 17th, 2004 at 7:30pm at Wilson Community Hall.

There being no further business, meeting was closed at 9:18pm.